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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2756

Dear Supervisors:

**LAKE VISTA DRIVE OVER MALIBOU LAKE
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Find that the Lake Vista Drive over Malibou Lake project, to replace the existing bridge on Lake Vista Drive over the Medea Creek inlet to Malibou Lake with a similar structurally-sound bridge, is exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Lake Vista Drive crosses the north shore of Malibou Lake. An analysis of the March 2004 Bridge Inspection Report, prepared by Public Works, concluded that the bridge could not safely support vehicular traffic. As a result, the existing timber, A-frame bridge was closed to vehicle traffic in April 2004.

The existing bridge is beyond cost-effective repair. Replacement of the bridge with a similar structurally-sound bridge is a long-term solution that restores access for the residents, retains the visual characteristics of the existing bridge as desired by the community, and upgrades the structure to current standards. The materials that have been

selected for the replacement bridge are more durable and less susceptible to the problems of the current bridge. The replacement bridge will be a 120-feet-long by 37-feet-wide, two-span reinforced concrete bridge with aesthetic white timber, A-frame trusses, timber hand rails, a side pedestrian walkway, and timber colorized concrete.

In accordance with the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, we request your concurrence that the proposed project is categorically exempt. A Notice of Exemption will be prepared and posted for public review.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence. By replacing the bridge, residents of the County who travel Lake Vista Drive will benefit from restored mobility and emergency access.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Eighty percent of project costs will be financed by the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Fund. Twenty percent of the financing will be from the 2004-2005 Road Fund Budget. The estimated cost of the project is \$600,000. A construction contract is anticipated to be advertised for bids at a later date, contingent on your approval of this action.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The recommended finding is in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and is required prior to the filing of the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The California Environmental Quality Act requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their action. The project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to Sections 15302 of the California Environmental Quality Act and Class 2 of the County Environmental Guidelines.

Upon approval of the exemption by your Board, a \$25 handling fee will be paid to the County Clerk for filing a Notice of Exemption in accordance with the requirements of Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The closure of the bridge has caused community concern for access in and out during emergencies. The project will reestablish full access for the community.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to us.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Interim Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel